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Hiya Folks,

Today being Sunday - I am keeping up ye olde schedule! - after the very trying day that I've put in, I would wait until tomorrow to write, but know I will make the schedule again tomorrow - and will be just as tired, so might as well write tonight, eh? -

If this letter suddenly makes less sense than usual - it's not my fault, - We just turned on our short wave radio and are listening to Boston! - Jack Benny just came on in a rebroadcast and it makes the first time in almost a year that I've heard

him! - The other night we even heard a "Hit Parade" program, featuring the hits of different years and starring the Lucky Strike orchestra with Bee Wayne. - Boy, it sure was ~~swe~~ good and the songs sure stirred lots of memories. - It's funny, but you never realize just how many memories are carried with songs. - In a philosophical mood for a moment - think music comes nearer being a language at times than words do!

Got quite a surprise today. - Some mail came in - all packages and newspapers. - And what do you know! - Got 2 packages -; one from Sister with the Whitman's candy, peanuts from Alva (?), chewing gum, and chocolate buds! - The other from Fred contained 2 big cans of peanuts (salted) on which

I am now munching. (Already been in the "buds"!). Will save the Sampler for tomorrow.

And the Sampler reminds me – it's not one of those I sent ~~of~~ Sister + Mama for Christmas is it? – Surely hope not for I will be very mad at you if it is. And besides – the ones I sent you was supposed to be for 2 lbs each – (I'll enclose my receipt in case you only got one pound and want to raise a kick) –

Just now, our radio program has changed. – We had a little light trouble and when the electricity came on again, Jack Benny was off the air. – Now we are listening to London – a rebroadcast "Command Performance" – Starring Bob Hope, Frances Langford + Anna Lee – all of whom we have had the

pleasure of seeing. - Not often we get to hear such good programs. - Usually we only get the British programs full of their propaganda.

Yesterday afternoon Don Allen and I went for a walk back in the hills - Had quite an interesting trip. - Went to visit several families he had met. - It's nice to see + talk to them in their own surroundings. They are sorta sympathetic inducing, and at the same time picturesque, all in their own surroundings. - They tell us all sorts of things that have happened to them, but aren't at all downed by their experiences.

- Well - it's getting late, - I'm getting more sleepy, and this is beginning to make less + less sense. - so - best I should sign off - maybe!?

As you see - I've enclosed a large picture like the other ones I sent you. - This is the better pose of the two - but - well - I won't say more! - It does show me as I appear most of the time, so you get an idea anyhow!

Well, - gonna sign off now. Remember - please keep 'em crossed and I'll be home just as soon as conditions permit! -

Lots of Love,

Frank